

onities to assist with the landscaping and improvement of state property under the control of the board of conservation, when requested by said board, and when such service will not interfere materially with their college work. All necessary expense incurred by such landscape architect, engineer or gardner or the students of the college under the provisions of this section, shall be paid in the same manner as are other expenditures by the board, but no compensation shall be paid for such services.

Approved March 11, 1924.

## CHAPTER 41

### LOST PROPERTY

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AN ACT to amend, revise, and codify sections twelve hundred four (1204) to twelve hundred seven (1207), inclusive, and twelve hundred nine (1209) of the compiled code of Iowa, relating to lost property.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That sections twelve hundred four (1204) to twelve hundred seven (1207), inclusive, of the compiled Code of Iowa are amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

Section 1. Advertisement - title vests in finder if under twenty dollars. In all cases where the appraisement of any such property shall not exceed the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00), the finder shall advertise the same on the door of the courthouse, and in three (3) other of the most public places in the county, within five (5) days after the appraisement, and if no person shall appear to claim and prove such property within six (6) months of the time of taking up, it shall vest in the finder.

Sec. 2. Held for owner by county if over twenty dollars. If the value thereof shall exceed the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00), the county auditor, within five (5) days from the time of the reception of the justice's certificate at his office, shall cause an advertisement to be posted on the door of the courthouse, and at three (3) other of the most public places in the county, and also a notice to be published once each week for three (3) weeks successively, in some newspaper printed in this state; and if such property be not claimed or proved within ninety (90) days after the advertisement of the same, as aforesaid, the finder shall deliver the same to the sheriff of the county wherein it was taken up, who shall thereupon proceed to sell it at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, having first given ten (10) days' notice of the time and place of sale, and the proceeds of all such sales, after deducting the costs and other necessary expenses, shall be paid into the county treasury.

Sec. 3. Lost goods - money restored to owner if known. If any person shall find any lost goods, money, bank notes or other things of any description whatever, of the value of five dollars (\$5.00) and over, such person shall inform the owner thereof, if known, and make restitution thereof.

Sec. 4. If unknown - entered in estray book. If the owner be unknown, such person shall, within five (5) days after such finding, take such money, bank notes, and a description of any other property before the county auditor of the county where the property was found, and make affidavit of the description thereof, the time when and place where the same was found, and that no alteration has been made in the appearance thereof since the finding; whereupon the county auditor shall enter a description of the property and the value thereof, as nearly as he can determine it, in his estray book, together with the affidavit of the finder

Sec. 5. Advertisement. The finder of such lost goods, money, bank notes, or other things, shall forthwith give written notice of the finding of such property. Such notice shall contain an accurate description of the property and a statement as to the time when and place where the same was found and the post-office address of the finder. Said notice shall:

1. Be posted at the door of the courthouse in the county in which the property was found and in three other of the most public places in the said county; and

2. In case the property found shall exceed ten dollars in value, the notice shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in and having general circulation in said county.

Sec. 6. Record of publication. Proof of publication of said notice and of the posting thereof shall be made by affidavits of the publisher and the person posting said notices, and said affidavits shall be filed in the office of the county auditor of said county.

Sec. 6-a1. Additional publication. The affidavits provided for in the preceding section shall be entered by the auditor in the proceedings of the board of supervisors and the same shall be published with the proceedings of said board.

Sec. 6-a2. Vesting of title. If no person appears to claim and prove ownership to said goods, money, bank notes or other things within twelve months of the date when proof of said publication and posting is filed in the office of the county auditor, the right to such property shall irrevocably vest in said finder.

Sec. 7. Advertisement - title vests - if under five dollars. In all cases where any vessel, water craft, logs or lumber shall be taken up as aforesaid, which shall be of value less than five dollars (\$5.00), the finder shall advertise the same by posting a notice of such finding in three (3) of the most public places in the neighborhood; but in such cases he shall keep and preserve the same in his possession, and shall make restitution thereof to the owner, without fee or reward, except the same be given voluntarily when the owner claims the same, provided it shall be done in three (3) months from such taking up or finding; but, if no owner shall claim such property within the time aforesaid, the exclusive right to it shall be vested in the finder.

That section twelve hundred nine (1209) of the compiled Code of Iowa is amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

Sec. 8. Compensation. As a reward for the taking up of boats and other vessels, and for finding lost goods, money, bank notes and other things, before restitution of the property or proceeds thereof shall be made, the finder shall be entitled to ten per cent (10%) upon the value thereof, and for taking up any logs or lumber, as hereinbefore described, twenty-five cents (25c) for each log not exceeding ten (10), twenty cents (20c) for each exceeding ten (10) and not exceeding fifty (50), fifteen cents (15c) for each exceeding fifty (50), and fifty cents (50c) per thousand feet for sawed lumber.

Sec. 9. Owner also to pay costs, charges and for care. The owner shall also be required to pay the finder all such costs and charges as may have been paid by him for services rendered as aforesaid, including the cost of publication, together with reasonable charges for keeping and taking care of such property, which last mentioned charge, in case the finder and the owner cannot agree, shall be assessed by two (2) disinterested householders of the neighborhood, to be appointed by some justice of the peace of the proper county, whose decision, when made, shall be binding and conclusive on all parties.

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